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NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 21, 1911, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1910, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, February 28, 1911.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.

CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Consul for Spain.

CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

A. ARIVOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.

A. MONACO,
Consul-General for Italy.

G. VAN SCHENDEL,
Acting Consul-General for Belgium.

M. DEJEAN DE LA BATIE,
Consul-General for France.

J. F. DAS CHAGAS,
Acting Consul-General for Portugal.

HUGO SUTER,
Consul for Brazil.

TORSTEN UDDEN,
Acting Consul-General for Sweden.

W. BRATTSOW,
Acting Consul-General for Russia.

M. TEJEDOR,
Consul-General for Cuba.

E. D. H. FRASER,
H. M. Consul-General.

H. SCHUMPETER,
In charge of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General.

AMOS. P. WILDER,
American Consul-General.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2093.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 21, 1911, and are published for general information :—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1910, be passed.

Resolution V.—That with the object of securing rat-proof houses for the purpose of preventing Plague, the Council be hereby authorized, acting in execution of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, to amend Nos. VIII and XVIII of the Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings in accordance with the proposals of the Health Officer, published in the Municipal Gazette of February 16, 1910.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1911, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 300,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than ten and not more than thirty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII.—That in pursuance of the scheme for the erection of new Municipal Buildings outlined in the Municipal Gazette of December 8, 1910, and, more particularly to provide a site for the Headquarters and Drill Hall for the Volunteer Corps to be erected in accordance with Resolution XI passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1909, the Council be hereby authorized to extend the land already occupied by the existing Central Offices in the south-east direction up to the corner of the Foochow and Kiangse Roads, and to raise for that purpose, a sum not exceeding Tls. 250,000 by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than ten and not more than fifty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum.

Resolution VIII.—That the Council be hereby authorized to raise upon the lines specified in Resolution VI a loan not exceeding Tls. 350,000 for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution IX.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution X.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions IX and X are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 17, for due publication.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 9, 1911.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2097.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in addition to the motions to be brought forward by the Council, as already published, the following will be proposed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 21.

BY RATEPAYERS.

Resolution XI.—That the Press and Public be admitted to the Meetings of the Council.

Proposed by E. S. Little.
Seconded by C. Holliday.

Resolution XII.—That the Council be hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the re-assessment of the land comprised within the limits of the Settlement, during the current year, such re-assessment to come into force as from the first day of January 1912, and to engage such professional assistance for the performance of the work as may be found expedient.

Proposed by C. W. Wrightson.
Seconded by L. Midwood.

Resolution XIII.—That the Council be authorised to grant compensation in a sum not exceeding Tls. 7,500 to E. G. Wilson for injury done to his business by the tramway service laying a double track in the narrow part of Nanking Road in place of a single track as originally agreed upon by the Council and the Ratepayers.

Proposed by E. G. Wilson.
Seconded by G. F. Fitch.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 18, 1911.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2098.

ROAD EXTENSIONS AND WIDENINGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that plans showing proposed ROAD EXTENSIONS and WIDENINGS in the four Districts of the Settlement as required in Articles VI and VIA of the Land Regulations, are now open to inspection at the Public Works Office. Copies thereof, when prepared, will be sent to the several Consular Land Offices.

Landowners and agents are reminded that, under provisions of Land Regulation VIA, proprietors have the right, for three months after the publication of notice that the plans are open to inspection, to protest in writing against any road extension or widening therein scheduled, following thereafter the procedure laid down in that Land Regulation.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary,

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 21, 1911.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2099.

DOGS.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for the current year, are reqested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

Attention is directed to Condition No. 6 imposed in respect to the licence as follows :—

"That the dog when in the streets "or other public place be effectively "muzzled, but in such a manner as will "admit of its breathing and drinking."

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, within the limits of the Settlement or on outlying roads, will be seized by the Police and detained at the Kennels in the Gordon Road for a period of one week or longer as circumstances may direct ; their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Enquiries on the subject of lost or strayed dogs should be made at the Gordon Road Police Station (Telephone No. 3248).

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 21, 1911.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 15, 1911, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
H. Figge
H. A. J. Macray
C. Selby Moore
W. A. C. Platt
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch. — The following promotions are authorized :—

To be 1st Class Constables

H. Murray from January 12.
J. A. Nield „ „ „
M. L. Bailie „ February 10.
W. Champney „ „ „
H. Fraser „ „ „
A. M. Mitchell „ 13.

To be 2nd Class Constable

P. E. V. Kelly from February 10.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Senior Warder Docwra with effect from May 23.

Public Gambling.

A letter from the Senior Consul submits for the Council's information a draft of a new proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of gambling. In reply it is decided to do no more than refer to the Council's former dispatch on this subject, in which reference was made to the gambling sheds at present in full operation in Li Hongkew.

Shanghai, March 9, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith, for your consideration and remarks, a proclamation issued by the Shanghai Taotai under date of February 27 and directed against gambling, five copies of which document I have just been asked to countersign for posting in the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of Proclamation issued by the Shanghai Taotai Liu Yen-yi dated February 27, 1911.

It is hereby publicly notified that the practice of gambling is greatly prejudicial to public morals, and to men's minds, and most strictly prohibited by law. Nevertheless on all sides are persons of divergent standards of character, and hence it is that some take to gambling as a livelihood and establish houses for the purpose of cheating and fraud. All these are ignorant miscreants, and if any person falls into their snares unawares then at best he wastes his time and loses his livelihood ; and at the worst his property is swept away and his family ruined. The present is a period of depression in the market and of alarm as to money; and thus it is but proper that there should be strong warning against extravagance even of the ordinary daily means, and all should be economical. How can these limited resources be vainly cast away like water throw by throw ? To trace the results of this abuse:—it forms as it were the middleman of the robberies and thefts which incessantly arise from it. Hence all the more is it prejudicial to local good order. It is thus most important to re-announce the prohibition. Dispatches have accordingly been written enjoining all uniformly to search with severity, arrest, and deal with the concerned, and now this proclamation is duly and urgently issued ; and hereby, persons of all classes are expected to comply. You must know, that since the evil of gambling is so great as it is, the Taotai's object in earnestly exhorting its avoidance is nothing else than to preserve your lives and families and to maintain the local peace. From the issue of this proclamation henceforward, each father should warn his son, and each elder should exhort his younger brother ; those who gamble should reform ; those who do not should be doubly encouraged. If any, while outwardly complying, secretly disobey, then so soon as they have been detected or accused they will be brought up, examined, judged and severely punished in accordance with the law, without the least leniency. Let all tremble and obey.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 18, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 9, transmitting for the Council's consideration a proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of gambling.

In reply thereto, I have the honour to refer to my letter of February 16, 1910, and to state that the view therein expressed is equally applicable in the present instance.

The proclamation appears to the Council to be eminently suited for issue in the purlieus of Li Hongkew, where gambling is rife, but for reasons which I have stated in my former dispatch, to be unsuitable for posting within the limits of the Foreign Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

T. HANSEN, Esq.,
Consul-General for Norway
and Senior Consul.

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Plague Prevention Conference.

A letter from the Secretary of the Conference encloses copies of telegrams from H.M. Consuls at Chefoo and Newchwang for the Council's information:—

Shanghai, March 9, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed by Mr. von Buri as the Chairman of the Plague Prevention Committee to hand you herewith copy of two dispatches from Chefoo and Newchwang sent to him by H.B.M.'s Consul-General and which he thought of interest to the Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
FRHR. V. HAHN,
German Vice-Consul and Secretary of the Plague Prevention Committee.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

From H.M. Consul, Chefoo.
To H.M. Consul-General, Shanghai.
Dispatched, March 4, 1911.

Prospect improving slightly, plague throughout with few exceptions confined to lowest classes. Numbers of deaths from plague at present practically stationary. Numbers of deaths from plague during week ending March 1 duly verified by foreign doctors 63.

Local Authorities report 150 more but nature of disease not verified. Foreign cases of plague 2 only, both nurses in constant close contact with disease: appears to be every prospect that spring heat will end epidemic.

A meeting of filatures—decision arrived not to re-open after holidays, Taotai in accordance with request made ordering work people remain villages. Filatures yesterday decided to remain closed until definite improvement—one filature Kua feng reopened at the proper time under usual conditions as regards work people. Doctor informs me that all collected evidence available tends to show danger of infection through cargo remote, may be impossible.

BARR.

From H.M. Consul, Newchwang.
To H.M. Consul-General, Shanghai.
Dispatched, March 3, 1911.

Newchwang free from plague up to date and very few or no cases of plague are reported from silk-producing districts. A leading firm informs me that outbreak of plague making no difference to the trade. Natives do not anticipate that probable export of silk at opening of port will be smaller than usual and buyers are up to date buying without restriction of customary supply.

CLENELL.

Plague Bye-laws.

Letters from the Senior Consul and from the Chairman of the recent Special Meeting of Ratepayers are submitted, informing the Council of the approval by the Diplomatic Body of these Bye-laws with two small amendments. These letters are ordered for publication, and the Bye-laws in their final form are ordered to be printed and added to the existing code attached to the Land Regulations:—

Shanghai, March 10, 1911.

SIR,—With reference to my predecessor's letter of November 25, informing the Council that the Consular Body had approved the bye-laws relating to plague, as adopted at a special meeting of ratepayers, with the exception of that relating to overcrowding, I have now the honour to let you know that the same amended bye-laws have been approved by the Foreign Ministers in Peking with the following two slight emendations:—

(1) In XXXB—Isolation.—After the words "the Council may . . ." insert the words "after due enquiry." The text will then read ". . . the Council may *after due enquiry* order such person . . ."

(2) In XXXD—Removal for burial.—Insert after the word "is" in the last sentence the words "a fine not exceeding." The text will then read: "The penalty for any infringement of this by-law is a fine *not exceeding* twenty-five dollars."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, March 13, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of some correspondence that has passed between the Senior Consul and myself as Chairman of the Special Meeting of Ratepayers which considered the Plague Regulations.

The enclosure I have returned to the Senior Consul as requested, and you will no doubt hear from him directly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. W. DE SAUSMAREZ.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, March 10, 1911.

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Consular Body to lay before you the enclosed letter from the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body dated Peking the 20th ulto., from which you will observe, that the above Bye-laws have been passed with two slight emendations, and I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether you have any objection to these emendations and at the same time to return the enclosure to me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway and Senior Consul.

Sir H. W. DE SAUSMAREZ,
H.B.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai.

Shanghai, March 11, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. So far as I represent the ratepayers in the matter of the plague bye-laws I have no objection to the emendations proposed by the Diplomatic Body in the Doyen's dispatch which I return herewith.

I may add that I have seen Mr. Landale who says that they are acceptable to the Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. W. DE SAUSMAREZ.

THORVALD HANSEN, Esq.,
Consul-General for Norway and Senior Consul.

Ratepayers' Meeting.

A note from Mr. E. S. Little announces his intention to bring forward a motion to admit the Press and Public to Meetings of Council. The Council is unanimously opposed to this Resolution as utterly impracticable, and has ascertained that the views of the new members of Council for 1911, are to the same effect.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

The Official Plans, containing the approved alterations and additions, are signed by the Chairman, and directions are given for the issue of the usual Notification on the subject.

Public Lighting.

Hart and Weihaiwei Roads.—As the result of an application by the Tramway Company, it is decided to complete the lighting of the section of the Hart Road, between the Bubbling Well and Great Western Roads, and the western portion of the Weihaiwei Road, by the erection of six metallic filament lamps, at a total cost of Tls. 138 per annum.

Tavern Licences.

18 applications for new Tavern Licences are submitted, a list of which will be published as usual, so that protests against their issue, or against the renewal of existing licences, may, if desired, be forwarded for consideration by the Watch Committee on March 30.

Vehicle Licences.

With reference to correspondence on this subject published with the minutes of July 28 last re-consideration of the matter in the light of communications from the French Council and a Report by the Overseer of Taxes leads to a decision to adopt the proposal that subject to the Ratepayers' approval at the forthcoming meeting Private Vehicle Licences be issued by the Council administering the district in which the domicile of the applicant is situated, upon six months' trial.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 19, 1911.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 13,770	Deaths among Chinese population of 492,000
Small-pox.	4	12
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	2	—
Diphtheria.	0	3
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	0	20
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	3	156

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

New Buildings.

Plans approved March 15, 1911.

Cad. lot.	Road.	Name.	Description.
906a	Quinsan	Denham & Rose	1 Latrine & addition to foreign house
808	Sinza	Chinese	3 native houses
960	Wuchow	"	5 native bungalows
420	Urga	"	14 native bungalows
189	Peking	"	4 native houses & 1 gate-house
293	Honan	J. Ambrose	4 native houses
6	Bubbling Well	Kiangsu Land & Investment Co., Ld.	1 temporary circus hall
292 293	Honan	G. Kingsmill	10 native houses
3087	Medhurst	H. König	1 workshed

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, March 19, numbered 533.

On Sunday next, March 26, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows:—

1. Overture "A Midsummer night's dream" Mendelssohn
2. Selection from "A Midsummer night's dream" Mendelssohn.
   (*a*) Nocturne.
   (*b*) Scherzo.
   (*c*) March.
3. Selection "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" Wagner
4. Fantastic Symphony (Three movements) Berlioz
5. Overture "Le Carnaval Romain" Berlioz

Conductor, Professor Buck.

Proceedings at the Mixed Court

During the week ending Saturday, March 18, 1911:—

APPREHENSIONS.	Male	Female
Assault	10	3
Garbage	30	
Traffic	425	1
Miscellaneous	6	
Nuisance	145	
Burglary	3	
Children in brothels		1
Civil Offences	10	
Cruelty to Animals	3	
Cruelty to Children		2
Embezzlement	2	2
False Pretences	1	
Fighting and creating a disturbance	20	3
Gambling	5	
Housebreaking	4	
Insanity		3
Kidnapping	4	3
Larceny	82	2
Loitering	4	
Abetting prostitution		1
Receiving stolen property	3	
Returning from expulsion	4	
Obstructing the police	1	
Attempted suicide	2	
Unlawful possession	10	
Vagrancy	12	
Selling indecent literature	1	
Trafficking in children		1
Miscellaneous cases	6	5
TOTAL	793	27

PUNISHMENTS AND DECISIONS.	Male	Female
Imprisonment	100	9
Imprisonment and Cangue	4	
Impt. Cangue and expulsion	1	
Imprisonment and expulsion	22	1
To pay compensation	1	
Fined	56	1
Bail Forfeited	567	3
Reformatory	1	
Cautioned	1	
Dismissed	9	3
Released on Security	3	3
Left to Court	9	
Handed to Parents (or) Guardians	1	2
Sent to Sinza Refuge	17	3
Sent to Door of Hope		1
Sent to Native Authorities	1	
TOTAL	793	27

HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MALES.

Inmates at the beginning of week	98
Received during the week	10
Released during the week	17
Remaining at the end of week	91

FEMALE WARD.

Inmates at beginning of week	97
Received during the week	24
Released during the week	22
Remaining at the end of week	99

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS.

Summonses issued	25
Warrants issued	25
Summonses served	19
Warrants executed	6

A. HILTON-JOHNSON,
for *Captain-Superintendent of Police.*

Record of calls on the Fire Brigade for February.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected.	Last Company left	Remarks.
Feb. 6	5.15 a.m.	Western 7	Mohawk	Small	Native	Bell	Straw in Kitchen	5.35 a.m.	
9	7.55 a.m.	Northern 1	Minghong	Medium	Semi-Foreign	"	1 damaged	8.50 a.m.	
10	9.30 p.m.	Central 3	Nanking	Small	Foreign	"	Contents damaged		Water not laid on
11	7.30 p.m.	Western 7	Sinza	"	Native	"	3 destroyed	8.20 p.m.	
13	12.10 a.m.	Central 4	Hankow	Medium	"	"	2 destroyed & 2 damaged	1.20 p.m.	
14	3.35 a.m.	Northern 1	Miller	Small	"	"	1 damaged		
25	10.15 a.m.	Central 4	Honan	Large	"	"	9 destroyed & 5 damaged	Noon	
28	10.20 p.m.	" 3	Nanking	Small	Foreign	"	1 damaged	10.40 p.m.	

SUMMARY:—During the month of February the Brigade was called to—
8 Fires, including 8 bell calls.
2 in Northern, 4 in Central and 2 in Western Districts.
1 large, 2 medium and 5 small fires.
2 in foreign buildings, 1 in semi-foreign and 5 in native buildings.

G. S. V. BIDWELL,
Chief Engineer.

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Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for February.

Strength of the Force on February 28.

Officers	8
Foreigners	237
Sikhs	475
Chinese	1,021
Clerical and Teaching Staff	47
Followers	158
Total ...	1,946

Crime.—The previous month has been normal and nothing of unusual importance has occurred in the Settlement.

A rather serious robbery occurred in the Yangtszepoo district on the 27th ultimo at about midnight, when about 20 or 30 men armed with rifles broke into a house near Ying-Hsiang-Kong village, and stole therefrom articles valued at $300. The robbers fired three shots which fire was returned by the Municipal Police stationed at Ying-Hsiang-Kong. The former then ran away to the North and crossed the Settlement boundary a little to the West of a village named Zo-Ka-Za. At about 1.30 a.m. an armed patrol of six soldiers from Hung-Tsun, 3 or 4 li distant, discovered the robbers sitting on a grave mound. The latter got up and ran away, leaving behind lying on the ground 130 articles of clothing which turned out to be the greater part of the stolen property. The patrol say they fired three shots without killing anyone. The robbers fired two shots in return and fled northward in the direction of Kiangwan, but they were not pursued by the soldiers. The latter gathered up the clothing and took it to the Chinese Magistrate to whom they reported the occurrence.

On the Settlement boundary in the Wayside district, some few hundred yards from the village Hung-Tsun above mentioned, gambling is still being carried on quite openly. Tents are erected wherein the tables are sheltered. The spot is at the end of a projected Municipal road.

In the country all round Shanghai, however, there has for some time past been considerable unrest and disorder. From the vicinity of Quinsan in the north-west round by Sungkiang to the south-west continuing to the Pootung side and the small town of Chih-So on the coast 12 miles from Shanghai, the peace of the country side has been somewhat unusually broken.

About the middle of December last in a village near Quinsan there occurred the wholesale burning of 400 or 500 disorderly persons, a feat performed by country folk wrought up to a pitch of indignation by the lawless behaviour of their victims. It is remarkable that such an occurrence should have passed practically without foreign comment. The fact can only be attributed to the small amount of interest displayed by many foreigners in the lives of the Chinese among whom they dwell.

The details of the occurrence referred to are such as would be considered altogether incredible were they given to the public in the pages of a modern magazine story. Yet there is no doubt whatever that within 30 miles of Shanghai hundreds of persons were wilfully burned alive penned in between the walls of an ordinary country hamlet; others being ruthlessly cut down and killed whilst endeavouring, too late, to fly from the natural vengeance of the infuriated villagers whom they had robbed.

Within the last few days considerable trouble has occurred over on the Pootung side. In the country immediately east of Shanghai, between that city and the sea wall, certain members of the Chinese Self-Government Bureau have made themselves obnoxious to the country side. The attempted imposition of certain additional taxes was the immediate cause of the rioting. The most objectionable of these impositions was a poll tax of some 10 cash per month upon each person. Other objectionable impositions had to do with the sale of land through the Self-Government Bureau who proposed to claim a certain percentage of the prices paid, taxes on each buffalo, sheep and chicken kept by the villagers, also on coffins. There were more extortions to which the populace apparently were not prepared to submit, so the usual Chinese method of expressing dissatisfaction was resorted to. Houses were destroyed, persons assaulted (two reported killed), with the result that the particular district round Chih-So is now in the hands of some hundreds of Chinese soldiers ordered there by the authorities.

The Pootung trouble is for the most part local, but the other disturbances referred to above may be partially attributed to the presence of wandering bands of refugees who are joined by disbanded soldiers. The latter must live and in order to do so they adopt what in China is the easiest method for men of their class, namely, to prey upon the country side either by means of boat robberies or otherwise.

Identification Office.—During the month of February 749 prisoners passed through this office from the various stations previous to being sent to the Mixed Court for trial. Of that number 213 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions recorded against them.

It has been arranged with the Chief of the French Police that mutual transfers of all fingerprints taken by either Force shall be made. It is hoped that by this means a considerable number of bad characters, who are in the habit of passing backwards and forwards from one concession to another, may now be identified.

Fires.—The continued decrease in the number of fires compared with previous years is satisfactory. During February fourteen fires were reported as against twenty-six in the same month in 1910. The fire alarm was rung eight times. Of the fourteen fires six were extinguished by the Fire Brigade, the remainder by the Police and inmates. Of the fourteen houses in which fires occurred seven only were insured.

Two unemployed natives were arrested on the 18th ultimo for larceny at a house in Miller Road. On being questioned one of them admitted having set fire to the premises. Both men were sentenced to one year's imprisonment and expulsion.

Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	4.54
Sikhs	7.32
Chinese	10.86
Total	22.72

Average daily percentage of strength sick.

Foreigners	1.97
Sikhs	1.48
Chinese	1.02

Average daily strength 1,784.

Average daily percentage of strength sick 1.27.

Return of Convict Labour for February.

	Tls.
Gross value of work performed for the P.W.D.	572.38
Less. Repairs to carts, sandals, etc.	91.28
Total...Tls.	481.10
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the P.W.D.	1,562.80
Less. Cost of raw material, etc.	744.47
Total...Tls.	818.33
Grand total earned by convict labour,...Tls.	1,299.43

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Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY

on February 28.

Central Station	64
Louza Station	61
Hongkew Station	71
West Hongkew Station	28
Harbin Road Sub-Station	7
Wayside Station	24
Gaol	745
Yangtszepoo Station	9
Sinza Station	21
Bubbling Well Station	18
Gordon Road Station	1
Total	1,049

VEHICLE LICENSES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,710	2,456
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	6	4
Total	1,716	2,460

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN

Jan. 28, and Feb. 24, 1911.

	Dollars
Stolen	27,438.98
Recovered	9,378.47

WARRANTS AND SUMMONSES.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	63	31
Summonses	123	88

DOGS.

At Kennels on 31/1/11	15	166
Captured	151	
Returned	21	
Killed	122	166
Remaining at Kennels	23	

RETURN OF PERSONS COMING UNDER THE NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total.
(*a.*) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Manslaughter...		1	1
Attempted suicide		4	4
Cutting and wounding		6	6
Assault	1	52	53
Kidnapping		14	14
Cruelty to or trafficking in Women or Children		8	8
Adultery		1	1
Breach of King's Regulations	1		1
Intimidation		1	1
(*b.*) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		5	5
Embezzlement		2	2
Extortion		8	8
Burglary		15	15
Housebreaking		11	11
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		7	7
Fraud		10	10
Receiving stolen property		11	11
Unlawful possession		27	27
Forgery		1	1
Uttering		3	3
Arson		2	2
Malicious injury		3	3
Larceny	2	369	371
Civil Offences : Debt		14	14
Breach of Contract		4	4
Others...		14	14
Attempted gaolbreaking		3	3
Unlawful disposing of property		4	4
(*c.*) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		849	849
Vagrancy		116	116
Returning after expulsion	1	15	16
Disorderly and improper conduct	12	143	155
Soliciting prostitution		30	30
Depositing garbage		37	37
Public gambling	15	93	108
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Cruelty to animals		9	9
Insanitary premises		7	7
Keeping an opium den		11	11
Excessive storage of straw		1	1
Arms, unlawful carrying	1		1
Traffic :—Furious driving	2	15	17
Obstruction		1,888	1,888
Loitering		40	40
Publishing and selling obscene literature		2	2
Miscellaneous		38	38
Evading License :—Liquor	4		4
Laundry		1	1
Tea shop		1	1
Breach of License conditions:—Wine shop		1	1
Dog	5		5
Laundry		1	1
Lodging-house		2	2
Tea shop		2	2
(*d.*) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,117	3,117
Others...	22	436	458
Total	66	7,457	7,523

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	7	502	509
Cangue		3	3
Expulsion or deportation	1	12	13
Fined	28	221	249
Imprisonment and cangue		1	1
" " expulsion		76	76
" " fined		1	1
Bail forfeited...		2,814	2,814
Remanded	1		1
Cautioned	1	11	12
Dismissed	2	82	84
Released on Security		27	27
Left to Court		18	18
Handed to parents or guardians		12	12
Sent to Philanthropic Institutions		97	97
" Reformatory		8	8
" Native Authorities		13	13
Miscellaneous	1		1
Sent to French Mixed Court		6	6
Sent on board Ship for trial	3		3
Total...	44	3,904	3,948

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